

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
11th MARCH 2016

CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING FOR TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider the training presentation and agree dates for the proposed sessions

Reasons:

The subject matter of this report falls within the remit of the Committee

Scrutiny Committee recommendations / comments:

Not applicable

Exec Board Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required NO

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY STANDARDS COMMITTEE 11TH MARCH 2016

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For several years the Standards Committee has arranged training sessions on the Members Code of Conduct for Town and Community Councillors. These have been held in County Hall in June, and the 2015 sessions were particularly well received with over 100 delegates in attendance over two evenings.

Preparations are now being made to repeat these sessions in 2016 and a revised presentation is attached which seeks to incorporate feedback from last year's events. The main changes are;

1. The deletion of the specific section on 'Equality & Respect' and the 'Calver' case.
2. The re-writing of the section on Personal interests. Rather than continuing with a 'lecture style' approach for this part of the session, it is instead proposed to work through the case studies with the help of an easy use guide which will be provided to delegates.
3. The inclusion of a separate Q & A session at the end.

Once the presentation has been finalised it will be sent for translation.

As regards the venue and dates for the session, it is suggested that they again take place in County Hall with a 6pm start. Possible dates would be the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd or 30th June.

It is also suggested that no limit be placed upon the number of delegates that attend from each authority.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

NO

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: L. Rees-Jones

Head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: L. Rees-Jones

Head of Administration and Law

(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)

1. Scrutiny Committee

Not applicable

2. Local Member(s)

Not applicable

3. Community / Town Council

Not applicable

4. Relevant Partners

Not applicable

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Not applicable

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal file	DPSC-113	Legal Services, County Hall